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The Commissioner
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Dear Sir:

The applicant wishes to bring to the attention of the Patent Office the references listed on the attached PTO-1449. These references have been considered by the Examiner in one or more of the preceding parent applications which include Serial No. 06/852,197, filed April 15, 1986; Serial No. 07/117,357, filed October 27, 1987; Serial No. 07/361,676, filed June 1, 1989; Serial No. 07/528,729 (now U.S. Patent

No. 5,040,548); Serial No. 07/548/200, filed July 5, 1990 (now U.S. Patent No. 5,061,273); Serial No 07/774,479, filed October 10, 1991; Serial No. 07/937,977, filed November 2, 1992; and Serial No. 08/010,458, filed January 27, 1993.

Applicant believes that the above presently pending claims define patentable subject matter and requests consideration and an early allowance.

Respectfully submitted,



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